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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 0093

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, HO, ES

SUBJ: INCIDENT IN GULF OF FONSECA

REF: STATE 3789

1. NEWS DISPATCHES FROM SAN SALVADOR PUBLISHED IN HONDURAS STATED THAT GOES HAD PROTESTED TO GOH ABOUT PURPORTED INCIDENT IN GULF OF FONSECA. ACCORDING STORIES GOES CLAIMED THAT ARMED HONDURAN SOLDIERS ABOARD LAUNCH HAD OPENED FIRE ON SALVADORAN FISHERMEN IN SALVADORAN TERRITORIAL WATERS JANUARY 6. ONE FISHERMAN WAS KILLED, ONE WOUNDED AND ONE DISAPPEARED AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK. STORIES ALSO SAID THE GOES WOULD PRESENT PROTEST TO OAS.

2. EMBASSY SOURCES STATE THAT AS FAR AS THEY ARE AWARE NO HONDURAN MILITARY FORCES WERE INVOLVED IN INCIDENT. THE G-2 SAID MILITARY INVESTIGATING SITUATION BUT THAT HONDURANS DO NOT HAVE ANY FORCES IN AREA, AND COMMENTED THAT IT WAS PROBABLY A CLASH
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BETWEEN CIVILIANS. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS IN

TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH THE SALVADOR G-2. HONDURAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES BELIEVE THAT IT MAY WELL
HAVE BEEN A CLASH BETWEEN RIVAL HONDURAN AND
SALVADORAN FISHERMEN. NO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE HAS
BEEN RELEASED YET BY THE GOH CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.
HOWEVER, PRIVATE REACTION BY GOH AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN
LOW KEY.
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